

## **Arkansas Medical Marijuana Commission**

**27 February 2018**

On the 27<sup>th</sup> day of February 2017, the Arkansas Medical Marijuana Commission (AMMC) convened at Little Rock, Arkansas. In attendance were the Arkansas Medical Marijuana Commissioners: Dr. Ronda Henry-Tillman, Chairperson, Dr. Stephen J. Carroll, Travis W. Story, Esq., James Miller, and Dr. J. Carolos Roman.

Commissioner Tillman called the meeting to order.

Commissioners reviewed the meeting minutes from the December XX, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Roman made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Story seconded the motion. By a vote of 5-0, the minutes were approved.

Joel DiPippa, Senior Counsel for the Department of Finance and Administration – Revenue Legal Counsel, provided the Commission with a review of the application process, scoring procedures, applicants not scored, and the process by which scores were compiled by the staff of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Administration. Mr. DiPippa went on to explain the next steps required by those who would soon be announced as selected for licensure, and their requirements to pay the licensing fee and post the performance bond.

Mr. DiPippa then proposed the Commission reconvene in approximately two (2) weeks to adopt the licensure of those selected applicants who had timely satisfied the requirements of the licensing fee and posting the performance bond.

Dr. Tillman raised a question regarding the scoring process and whether the diversity points had been applied to the scores. Mary Robin Casteel, Director for the Alcoholic Beverage Control Administration explained that two and one half (2.5) points were applied to each applicant score which satisfied the threshold for minority ownership.

Mr. DiPippa proposed a meeting date for the 14<sup>th</sup> day of March 2018, for which each Commissioner agreed he or she would be available.

Commissioners were provided with flash drives containing the first zone of dispensary applications, so that the Commissioners could begin scoring. No dates were set at this time for completion of dispensary scoring.

Ms. Casteel announced the six (6) highest scoring applications, as the applicants scored for third (3<sup>rd</sup>) place were submitted by the same group, and therefore ineligible to accept licenses for both proposed facilities. Ms. Casteel explained that the group with two selected applications would need to choose only one (1) facility with which to proceed. Mr. DiPippa announced the runner-up applicants, seven through ten (7-10).

Mr. DiPippa stated that applications one through ten (1-10) had been redacted under the Arkansas Freedom of Information Act, and would be available on the AMMC website by close of business on Wednesday, February 28, 2018.

Ms. Casteel followed that scoresheets, including both cumulative scores as well as each commissioner's scoresheets, would be available on the AMMC website as of 1630 hours that afternoon, Tuesday, February 27, 2018.

There being no further business, Dr. Tillman adjourned the meeting.